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SUBJECT: ITF MISSION TURNED BACK

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1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH TWO OTHER INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FEDERATION (ITF) TEAM MEMBERS ARRIVING SEPARATELY HAD EXPERIENCED NO ENTRY DIFFICULTIES, EUROPEAN NUCLEUS OF MISSION WAS ESCORTED DIRECTLY TO MEETING WITH MINISTER LABOR ON ARRIVAL NOV 25. LATTER WERE INFORMED THAT MISSION WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED PURSUE INVESTIGATION UNTIL AFTER ILO INQUIRY TEAM DEPARTURE MID-DECEMBER AND THAT RESERVATION FOR NOV 26 DEPARTURE FROM CHILE WOULD BE MADE FOR THEM. MIN/LABOR INFORMED GROUP THAT CHILEAN AFFILIATE LEADERS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO REFRAIN FROM CONTACTING GROUP. APPARENTLY GROUP IS BEING "ESCORTED" UNTIL DEPARTURE. APPEARS ALL WILL DEPART FOR ONE OR TWO DAY VISIT LIMA ON EVENING NOV 26. BRITISH MEMBER JONES INDICATED TO HIS EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT HE WILL NOT EXPLOIT PROPAGANDA VALUE OF GOC ACTION AND WILL RECOMMEND RESCHEDULING VISIT. GROUP DEPARTURE CONFIRMED LAN CHILE 142 ARRIVES LIMA 2245 NOVEMBER 26. END SUMMARY.

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2. EUROPEAN CONTINGENT ITF (JACK JONES, ASSAROD, POST AND LEWIS) WERE MET AT AIRPORT AFTERNOON NOV 25 BY GOC OFFICIALS AND ESCORTED DIRECTLY OFFICE LABOR MINISTER NICANOR DIAZ. DELEGATION INTERPRETER JOAN GOODIN HAD ARRIVED ON EARLIER FLIGHT AND EXPERIENCED NO DIFFICULTY AT AIRPORT. SAME TRUE FOR DELEGATION MEMBER SECORD (PHONETIC) OF CANADIAN RR BROTHERHOOD WHO WE UNDERSTAND WAS LAST MINUTE REPLACEMENT FOR CANADIAN MACGREAGOR.

3. LABATT TALKED TO SECORD AND GOODIN EARLY AFTERNOON NOV 25. GOODIN, WHO HAD STOPPED OFF IN LIMA PRIOR ARRIVAL HERE, SAID MEDARDO GOMERO (ITF REGIONAL REP.) HAD GIVEN HER ACCOUNT OF EXPERIENCE HERE EVENING NOV. 21 (SANTIAGO 7152). GOMERO SAID HE WAS MET AT LANDING RAMP BY CARABINEROS WHO ESCORTED HIM DIRECTLY TO PRIVATE AIRPORT WAITING ROOM WHERE HE MET LABOR MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY. GOMERO WAS TOLD HE WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER CHILE AND WOULD BE RETURNED TO LIMA ON SUBSEQUENT FLIGHT. HE WAS GIVEN LETTER FROM MIN LABOR EXPLAINING THAT FULL DELEGATION WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED ENTRY INTO CHILE UNTIL AFTER DEPARTURE ILO INVESTIGATING TEAM IN MID-DECEMBER. WHEN GOMERO TRIED TO ARGUE DECISION, HE WAS TOLD THAT "DECISION HAD BEEN MADE BY PINOCHET AND THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY IT WOULD BE CHANGED".

4. ACCORDING TO GOODIN, GOMERO SAID THAT AFTER NOVEMBER 5-8 VISIT TO CHILE (SANTIAGO 6865) HE REPORTED GOC POSITION TO ITF LONDON OFFICE. HE UNDERSTANDS ITF REPLIED IN LETTER FROM ITF PRESIDENT TO GENERAL PINOCHET, EXPLAINING DIFFICULTY OF RESCHEDULING VISIT FOR SUCH HIGH LEVEL GROUP AND STATING THEY WERE COMING AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ON NOV 24-25.

5. LABATT TALKED TO JONES AND GROUP SHORTLY AFTER MEETING OF GROUP WITH MIN LABOR. ALL WERE CALM BUT SEEMED NONE TOO HAPPY. JONES SAID MINISTER HAD FIRMLY BUT POLITELY TOLD THEM THAT TEAM'S INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED AT THIS TIME BUT THAT THEY WERE WELCOME TO RETURN ANY TIME AFTER ILO DEPARTURE MID-DECEMBER. MINISTER SAID GOC WAS NOT EQUIPPED TO RECEIVE BOTH GROUPS AT SAME TIME AND DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO GUARANTEE THEIR PERSONAL PROTECTION. JONES ASKED THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO STAY A FEW DAYS TO VISIT WITH

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LEADERS OF THEIR AFFILIATE UNIONS. ACCORDING JONES, MINISTER SAID THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE SINCE "ALL OF THE LEADERS OF YOUR AFFILIATE UNIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ORDERS THAT THEY ARE NEITHER TO CONTACT OR TALK WITH ITF TEAM". JONES ASKED LABATT "IS THIS THE KIND OF TRADE UNION FREEDOM WHICH EXISTS IN CHILE?" NEITHER HE NOR OTHERS COMMENTED TO LABATT ON FUTURE COURSE OF ITF ACTION.

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6. JONES SAID THAT, UPON DEPARTING MINISTER'S OFFICE, DIAZ CALLED IN CIVILIAN-ATTIRED CHILEAN AND EXPLAINED THAT HE WOULD ACCOMPANY THEM TO HOTEL AND BE AT THEIR SERVICE IN ARRANGING AIR RESERVATIONS AND SUCH. WHEN LABATT VISITED GROUP IN HOTEL BAR, THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS AT TABLE WITH GROUP WHILE TWO OTHER CIVILIANS WERE AT NEXT TABLE. THREE CONSULTED REGULARLY WITH EACH OTHER IN PRIVATE. MISS GOODIN TOLD LABATT MORNING NOV 26 THAT, ALTHOUGH ALWAYS PLEASANT AND COURTEOUS, THREE REMAINED UNTIL GROUP RETIRED TO ROOMS.

7. OFFICER BRITISH EMBASSY TOLD LABATT MORNING NOV 26 THAT HE AND FIRST SECRETARY HAD TAKEN JONES AND LEWIS TO LATTER'S HOUSE FOR SEVERAL HOURS PREVIOUS EVENING. SAID JONES INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT PROPAGANDA VALUE OF CHILEAN REBUFF AND THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND VISIT BE RESCHEDULED. OFFICER SAID HOWEVER BOTH HE AND LEWIS WERE ADVERSELY IMPRESSED BY MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT CHILEAN LABOR LEADERS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING CONTACT WITH TEAM AND THAT TEAM WAS IN EFFECT "BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO UNTIL DEPARTURE FROM CHILE." BRITISH EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS FOR FULL TEAM DEPARTURE TO LIMA EVENING NOV 26 LAN CHILE 142 ARRIVING 2245. BOTH GOODIN AND JONES SAY THEY WILL STAY THERE FOR "A DAY OR TWO."

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8. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS IS FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH GOC HAS REFUSED ENTRY TO AN INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY GROUP WITH SOME OFFICIAL STANDING. AS SUCH, EVEN THOUGH FUTURE ENTRY IMPLICITLY ASSURED, INCIDENT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS RETROGRADE STEP IN TERMS OF CHILE'S GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS POSTURE. ONE OF THE MAIN POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN THAT POSTURE HAS BEEN GOC'S WILLINGNESS TO EXPOSE ITSELF TO EXAMINATION BY RESPONSIBLE OUTSIDE OBSERVERS.

9. GROUND GIVEN FOR REFUSAL TO PERMIT TEAM'S ENTRY -- CONFLICT IN SCHEDULE WITH ILO INQUIRY GROUP -- SEEMS INSUBSTANTIAL. WE WONDER WHY GOC HAS MADE NO REFERENCE TO A DIFFERENT ELEMENT WHICH THEY HAVE IN MIND: REFUSAL OF ITF AT ITS STOCKHOLM MEETING TO PERMIT CHILEAN DELEGATES TO APPEAR AND SPEAK ON BEHALF OF CHILE. THIS WOULD SEEM TO HAVE PROVIDED A MORE DEFENSIBLE BASIS FOR GOC RETALIATION AGAINST TEAM.

10. SINCE ALL MEMBERS OF ITF TEAM KNEW OF GOC OPPOSITION TO THEIR TRIP AT THIS TIME, FROM MINLABOR'S MEETING WITH GOMERO NOV 8 AND FROM GOMERO'S NOV 21 EXPERIENCE, AND NEVERTHELESS APPEARED, WE ASSUME THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO EXPLOIT THEIR TREATMENT AT HANDS OF GOC OFFICIALS, AND LABOR MINISTER'S STATEMENT, TO ATTACK GOC PUBLICLY.  
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